

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A commodity order issuing and accepting method, comprising:

providing an order issuing device capable of electronic communications;

providing an order accepting device capable of electronic communications;

a step that an order issuer side requestsrequesting a first electronic document having comprising first input fields for accepting order issuer information and for accepting commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date to an order accepter sidefrom said order accepting device;

a step that said order accepter side transmittransmitting said first electronic document to said order issuer sideissuing device;

a step that said order issuer side inputsinputting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date tointo said first input fields on said order issuing device;

a step that said order issuer side transmittransmitting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said order accepter sideaccepting device;

~~a step that said order accepter side retrieves~~ retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date on said order accepting device;

~~a step that said order accepter side transmits~~ transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order ~~issuer side~~ issuing device;

~~a step that said order issuer side inputs~~ inputting said order issuer's payment date ~~to~~ into said second input field on said order issuing device; and

~~a step that said order issuer side transmits~~ transmitting said order issuer's payment date to said order ~~accepter side~~ accepting device.

2. (currently amended): The commodity order issuing and accepting method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

~~a step that said order accepter side calculates~~ calculating a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date on said order accepting device.

3. (currently amended): The commodity order issuing and accepting method as set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

~~a step that said order accepter side transmitstransmitting~~ a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication to said order issuer sideissuing device;

~~a step that said order issuer side activates activating~~ said means for inputting the authentication on said order issuing device; and

~~a step that said order issuer side transmitstransmitting~~ information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has been activated to said order ~~accepter sideaccepting~~ device.

4. (original): A commodity order issuing and accepting system, comprising:

means for requesting a first electronic document having first input fields for order issuer information and for commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuer side to an order accepter side;

means for transmitting said first electronic document from said order accepter side to said order issuer side; means for inputting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said first input fields on said order issuer side;

means for transmitting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date from said order issuer side to said order accepter side;

means for retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date on said order accepter side;

means for transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;

means for inputting said order issuer's payment date to said second input field on said order issuer side; and

means for transmitting said order issuer's payment date from said order issuer side to said order accepter side.

5. (original): The commodity order issuing and accepting system as set forth in claim 4, further comprising:

means for calculating a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date on said order accepter side.

6. (original): The commodity order issuing and accepting system as set forth in claim 5, further comprising:

means for transmitting a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;

means for activating said means for inputting the authentication on said order issuer side;
and

means for transmitting information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has been activated from said order issuer side to said order accepter side.

7. (original): A commodity order accepting apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving a request for a first electronic document having first input fields for order issuer information and for commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuer side,

means for transmitting said first electronic document to said order issuer side;

means for receiving said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date which have been input to said first input fields on said order issuer side from said order issuer;

means for retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date;

means for transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order issuer side;

means for receiving said order issuer's payment date which have been input to said second input field on said order issuer side from said order issuer side.

8. (original): The commodity order accepting apparatus as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

means for calculating a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date.

9. (original): The commodity order accepting apparatus as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:

means for transmitting a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication to said order issuer side; and

means for receiving information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has been activated on said order issuer side from said order issuer side.

10. (new): A commodity order accepting apparatus, comprising:

a receiving module for receiving communications from an order issuing device;

a transmitting module for transmitting communications to the order issuing device; and

a retrieving module,

wherein the receiving module, the transmitting module and retrieving module are configured such that:

when the receiving module receives a request for a first electronic document comprising first input fields for accepting order issuer information and for accepting commodity order

issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuing device, the transmitting module transmits said first electronic document to said order issuing device,

when the receiving module receives said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date from said order issuing device, the retrieving module retrieves a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date and the transmitting module transmits a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order issuing device, and

the receiving module receives said order issuer's payment date from said order issuing device.

11. (new): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10, comprising:

a calculating module,

wherein the calculating module is configured to calculate a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date.

12. (new): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 11,

wherein the transmitting module is configured to transmit a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication to said order issuing device, and

wherein the receiving module is configured to receive information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has been activated on said order issuing device.